

DASARA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF 1904.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

LEGISLATION.

Subject No. 1.

Establishment of the Legislative Council or a Standing Committee.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa, and Anantarajaiya, the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that a Legislative Council may be established in Mysore.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—“There are Legislative Councils in the British Provinces, and there is one in Travancore. In Mysore, we have the Representative Assembly, but it holds its session only annually for a few days. On the other hand, a Legislative Council will meet more often and the members of the Representative Assembly who may be in the Council will thus have frequent opportunities of representing the wants of the people. The subject was brought forward in 1892 by Mr. Srinivasa Rao, but while replying that there was no need for one, the late Dewan, at the same time suggested the formation of a Standing Committee. As remarked by Mr. Rangacharlu, political education can only be gradual. If we are to wait until all the people are educated to the requisite standard, we may have to wait for ever. If a Legislative Council cannot be immediately established it is desirable that at least a Standing Committee should be recognized.”

Reply of Government.—This is an important question requiring very careful consideration, although not a new subject.

Subject No. 2.

Introduction of certain Acts.

Mr. J. C. S. Lawrence, B. A., L.L.B., of Bangalore.
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„ Graham Anderson, C.I.E.

Summary of discussion.—Suggest that the following Acts be introduced in Mysore:—

1. The Hindu Wills Act, XXI of 1870.
2. The Probate and Administration Act, V of 1881.
3. The Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881.
4. Certain portions of the Transfer of Property Act, IV of 1882, with their respective amending Acts.
5. Madras Labour Act.
6. Guardian and Ward Act.

Mr. Lawrence began by thanking the Government for having recognized the Law Association and permitted it to send a representative. He then referred to the desirability of introducing the Hindu Wills Act and the Probate